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Dr. Steve Launius, Superintendent

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471# - 471795

Funding # 1301456, 1301575, 1301615, 1301648

Correspondence Dates: 6/25/08, 5/23/08, 4/8/08, 11/20/07

Waiver Request

Bruce Owen, former superintendent, left midyear on 6/30/07. No  
perminate replacement was named until I was hired the following year.  
The 120 day deadline of 10/30/07 was not met because no one was  
employed to do it. When the error was discovered, Rick Ruedy, a  
consultant of the Illinois State Board of Education helped the district  
draft an Invoice Deadline Extension Request on 11/20/07. It was denied  
on 4/8/08. The denial is not very specific. (See enclosure) I submitted  
a Invoice Deadline Extension Request on 3/23/08 with the help of  
Cathy Carley, Technical Client Service Bureau School and Library Division.  
888-203-8100. It was denied on 6/25/08.

Beecher City C.U.S.D. #20 is asking for a waiver to submit our  
claim.

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Due to the resignation of the superintendent, no one was in charge of submitting this claim. The deadline was missed. The end result is the students of this small rural district are not receiving badly needed funding resources. I ask for a waiver to submit the district's claim.

Thank You for your consideration.

Sincerely,

St. Laun, Superintendent  
Steve Launius, PhD



**Schools & Libraries Division**

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**Administrator's Decision on Invoice Deadline Extension Request**

June 25, 2008

Dr. Steven Launius  
Beecher City Community Unit District No. 20  
Route 33 West  
P.O. Box 98  
Beecher City, IL 62414

Re: Your appeal of the denial of your invoice deadline extension request

471 Application Number: 471795  
Funding Request Number(s) 1301456, 1301575, 1301615, 1301648  
Correspondence Dated: May 23, 2008

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal.

Funding Request Number(s): 1301456, 1301575, 1301615, 1301648  
Decision on Appeal: **Denied in Full**  
Explanation:

Current deadline guidelines and procedures do not allow approval for the reason submitted. Invoice Deadline Extension requests should be filed by the end of the relevant invoice receipt period for the service category of the FRN requiring an extension (120 days after the end of the service delivery date). You did not demonstrate in your appeal that you filed an extension request in a timely manner. Therefore, the appeal is denied.

If you believe there is a basis for further examination of your application, you may file an appeal with the FCC. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received or postmarked within 60 days of the above date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the USAC/Schools and

Libraries web site or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

Thank you for your continued support of and participation in the E-rate program.

Schools and Libraries Division  
Universal Service Administrative Company

cc:

Lisa Lay  
Citizens Tel of Illinois, Inc.  
180 South Clinton Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14646



Steven Launius <slaunius.bchs@gmail.com>

## Appeal for Beecher City C U School District 20 for 471 application# 471795

4 messages

PIAInvoicing <PIAInvoicing@solixinc.com>

Wed, Jun 11, 2008 at 3:38 PM

To: slaunius@bcity.efingham.k12.il.us

Cc: slaunius.bchs@gmail.com

Attention: Steve Launius

SLD has received your request for an Appeal regarding the denial of an Invoice Deadline Extension request dated May 23, 2008, **Beecher City C U School District 20**, 471 Application # **471795**, FRN(s) **1301456**. However, it has come to our attention that your original Administrator's Decision Letter on your Invoice Deadline Extension Request did not include all the FRNs from your original request letter. FRNs **1301575**, **1301615**, **1301648** should have also been included in your decision letter. Since they are all being denied, would you like me to include the three additional FRNs onto your appeal as well?

Please respond within the next seven (7) calendar days, by end of day, **June 18, 2008**. Failure to do so will result in a determination based on the documentation currently available for review. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

*Loraine Hunsinger*

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*Replied* *6/16/08*

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Appeal Department

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5/23/08

Dr. Steve Launius, Superintendent  
Beecher City C.U.S.D. #20  
Route 33 West Beecher City, Illinois 62414  
618-487-5100 Fax: 618-487-5242

471 Application # - 471795

Funding Request # - 1301456

Entity # - 136547 - Beecher City C.U.S.D. #20

Former superintendent did not submit information. He is no longer employed by district. I am the person in charge and our school district has not received the revenue for this FRN. I filed a deadline extension and it was denied. Please approve this appeal so that our small rural K-12 district of 430 students can receive our money. Please call me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steve Launius, Superintendent

Enclosure: April 8, 2008 letter  
May 23, 2008 letter



**Schools & Libraries Division**

**Administrator's Decision on Invoice Deadline Extension Request**

April 8, 2008

Steve Launius  
Beecher City C U School District 20  
Route 33  
Beecher City, IL 62414

RE: SLD Invoice #: N/A  
PEAK or 1099: N/A  
Invoice Date: N/A  
  
SLD Line(s) #: N/A  
Vendor invoice #: N/A  
471 Application Number: 471795  
Funding Request Number(s): 1301456  
Your Correspondence Dated: November 20, 2007

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your invoice deadline extension request for the invoice number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of SLD's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60 day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). If your request included more than one invoice number, please note that for each invoice for which an invoice deadline extension request was submitted, a separate letter is being sent.

Invoice Number: N/A  
Decision on Request: **Denied**

Explanation: Current deadline guidelines and procedures do not allow approval for the reason submitted.

**TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:**

If you wish to appeal a decision in this letter, your appeal must be received by the SLD or postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this

requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. In your letter of appeal:

1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.
2. State outright that your letter is an appeal. Include the following to identify the decision letter and the decision you are appealing:
  - appellant name,
  - applicant or service provider name,
  - BEN and/or SPIN,
  - Form 471 and FRN
  - invoice number as assigned by the SLD,
  - "Administrator's Decision on Invoice Deadline Extension Request" dated 04/07/2008 AND
  - the exact text of the decision that you are appealing.
3. Please keep your letter to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep a copy of your entire appeal, including any correspondence and documentation.
4. If you are an applicant, please provide a copy of your appeal to the service provider(s) affected by the SLD's decision. If you are a service provider, please provide a copy of your appeal to the applicant affected by the SLD's decision.
5. Provide an authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

To submit your appeal to the SLD by e-mail, use the "Submit a Question" feature on the web site at [www.usac.org/sl/](http://www.usac.org/sl/). Click "Continue," choose "Appeals" from the Topic: Inquiry on the lower portion of your screen, and click "Go" to begin your appeal submission. The system will prompt you through the process. The SLD will automatically reply to incoming e-mails to confirm receipt.

To submit your appeal to the SLD by fax, fax your appeal to (973) 599-6542.

To submit your appeal to the SLD on paper, send your appeal to:

Letter of Appeal  
Schools and Libraries Division  
100 South Jefferson Road  
P.O. Box 902  
Whippany, NJ 07981

While we encourage you to resolve your appeal with the SLD first, you have the option of filing an appeal directly with the Federal Communications Commission



(FCC). You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received by the FCC or postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options described in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of our web site. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

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cc: Lisa Lay, Citizens Tel of Illinois, Inc.

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Vicki DeWitt and Steve Launius,

Here is the information that I received about the deadline extension...

I am responding to the inquiry regarding the denial that was issued for the above d

The requestor has the right to appeal a denied decision as per the letter that they r

Rationale for the Denial:

Received DE request 10 months after the extended deadline for FY 2005.

Thank you,

Cathy Carley

Technical Client Service Bureau/Problem Resolution

Schools and Libraries Division

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